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Classroom Activities

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CITES meeting in Doha (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'CITES meeting in Doha'.
Answer questions 1-15.

1. What is the capital of Qatar?

2. What does CITES stand for?

3. How often does CITES meet?

4. Why was the meeting in Doha called COP15?

5. What type of decisions does CITES make?

6. What trade has been restricted in the past by CITES?

7. What is meant by 'proposals' and how many were made at the meeting?

8. Explain what Appendix 1, 2 and 3 mean.

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9. Explain what is meant by uplisting and downlisting.

10. Explain what has happened to stocks of Atlantic bluefin tuna.

11. What happens to most of the Atlantic bluefin tuna that are caught?

12. Which country voted against the proposal on polar bears and why?

13. What was the outcome on the vote on different types of corals? What reasons were given for this?

14. How is the internet endangering more animals and plants?

15. Explain why conservationists were disappointed with CITES. Of what did they accuse CITES members?

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Volcano erupts in Iceland (Page 2)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Volcano erupts in Iceland'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Reykjavik is the capital city of Iceland.		
2. Iceland is sometimes called the 'land of fire and brimstone'.		
3. The tectonic plates that meet under Iceland are pushing together.		
4. Eyjafjallajökull is the name of a glacier as well as a volcano.		
5. A volcano covered in ice is called subglacial.		
6. Katla is a subglacial volcano.		
7. The Mississippi is one of the longest rivers in the world.		
8. Katla last erupted in 1755.		
9. A fissure is another name for a volcanic vent.		
10. Iceland is part of a mid-ocean depression.		

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Israel and the USA disagree (Page 3)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Israel and the USA disagree'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

United Nations

Barack Obama

Area claimed by Israel

Mahmoud Abbas

Palestinian area

UN

American president

The USA

Supporter of Israel

Benjamin Netanyahu

Vice-president of USA

East Jerusalem

Palestinian leader

Gaza Strip

Israeli prime minister

Joe Biden

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Drug war in Mexico (Page 7)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Drug war in Mexico'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. **Q.** _____**A.** Not to travel to some parts of Mexico.2. **Q.** _____**A.** Embassies.3. **Q.** _____**A.** Consulates.4. **Q.** _____**A.** Cocaine, heroin and cannabis.5. **Q.** _____**A.** Criminal gangs.6. **Q.** _____**A.** Felipe Calderón.7. **Q.** _____**A.** Ciudad Juárez.8. **Q.** _____**A.** To extradite.

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The bombing of Dresden (Page 6)

Instructions: Read the article 'The bombing of Dresden'.

Answer questions 1-5.

1. What happened to Dresden in 1945? At that time how many people were reported to have been killed in Dresden?

2. Explain why some people believe the bombing of Dresden was a war crime.

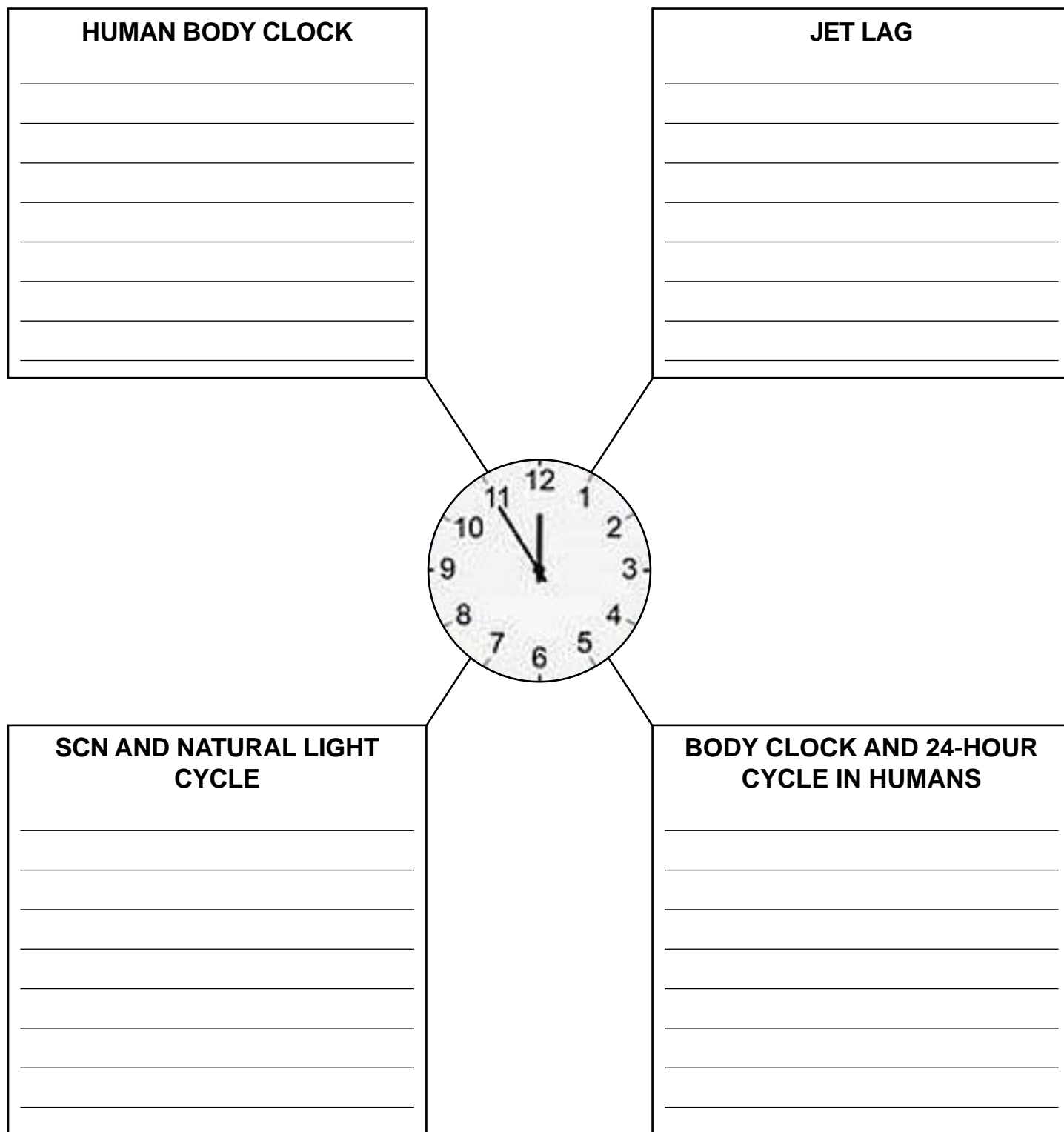
3. What reasons did military leaders give for the destruction of Dresden?

4. How did the German historians come to their conclusion?

5. Why do you think the number of deaths may have been exaggerated just after the bombing?

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Instructions: Read the article 'Reindeer and Body Clocks' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.



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World Map (Page 12)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. TRAQT A

Q A T A R

2. ARALIES

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3. NDIALLOATH

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4. AIRUNERK

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5. GGREYNMA

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6. PELCANDI

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7. RONAWUY

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7. DLNAII

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Mystery country = □ □ □ T □ □ □ □

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Issue 115 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 115. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

~~Volcano~~

Pacific Ocean

Jupiter

Dresden

Pathi Harn

Embassy

Fiji

Polar bears

Microsoft

Charles Darwin

Shakespeare

Pitcher plant

Europa

West Bank

Crimean War

~~Katla~~

Viti Levu

Atlantic bluefin tuna

Congress of Paris

Gaza Strip

Kon-tiki

Bill Gates

Mr Shuffles

1945

Cardenio

Ambassador

Richard Dawkins

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 115 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 115 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Who is the vice-president of the USA?**
 - a. Sarah Palin
 - b. Hillary Clinton
 - c. Gerald Ford
 - d. Joe Biden
 - e. Dick Cheney
2. **Which country has been nicknamed 'Slimlandia'?**
 - a. Latvia
 - b. Finland
 - c. Sri Lanka
 - d. Mexico
 - e. Jamaica
3. **Where in the world is the *nepenthes rajah* found?**
 - a. Northern Russia
 - b. Antarctica
 - c. The island of Borneo
 - d. In the Indian Ocean
 - e. Amazon rainforest
4. **In what year was the first .com website registered?**
 - a. 1980
 - b. 1985
 - c. 1987
 - d. 1990
 - e. 1991
5. **Where did CITES hold its recent conference?**
 - a. Doha
 - b. Paris
 - c. New Delhi
 - d. São Paulo
 - e. Washington DC
6. **In which country was the Ottoman Empire centred?**
 - a. Turkey
 - b. Greece
 - c. Egypt
 - d. Iran
 - e. Russia
7. **In what year was the first World Water Day held?**
 - a. 1979
 - b. 1981
 - c. 1987
 - d. 1993
 - e. 1995
8. **In which Asian countries have there been red- and yellow-shirt protests?**
 - a. Thailand
 - b. Cambodia
 - c. Vietnam
 - d. Malaysia
 - e. Myanmar
9. **Of which island country is Frank Bainimarama the prime minister and military chief?**
 - a. Tonga
 - b. Samoa
 - c. Fiji
 - d. Vanuatu
 - e. Solomon Islands
10. **What is another name for the circadian clock?**
 - a. Doomsday clock
 - b. Atomic clock
 - c. Astronomical clock
 - d. Body clock
 - e. Sun dial